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THE PROBLEM: There is a shortage of yellow perch in the Lake Michigan waters of Wisconsin due to poor reproduction and over harvest. Those incidental catches of not only perch, but of any game fish stocked off of Wisconsin's three most southeastern counties by commercial nets is a hazard that can be avoided. And whereas on Oct. 4th 2001, (DNR file ref. 3600) one commercial fisher in 48 hours caught over 37,000 thousand perch, (mostly 98 year class off Milwaukee, grid 1902) and whereas as result the DNR enacted emergency order FH-18-02 shortening the perch sport fishing season by 15 days starting in 2002. And whereas in 2004, only 1 (grid 1902) of 5 southeastern grids were fished by only 2 of 68 fishers, resulting in a harvest valued at \$1,543 or just 1% of their total income. And whereas the Journal Sentinel headline March 14th, was about a record 2005 year class of perch. And whereas the waters of SE Wisconsin are so heavily fished by sportsmen.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 10, 2006, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to protect game fish / stocked fished of SE Wisconsin by prohibiting the use of any and all commercial nets in those WI Lake Michigan waters that make up grids 1901, 1902, 2002, 2102, and 2202. That those near shore waters off Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties be reserved for hook and line only.

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